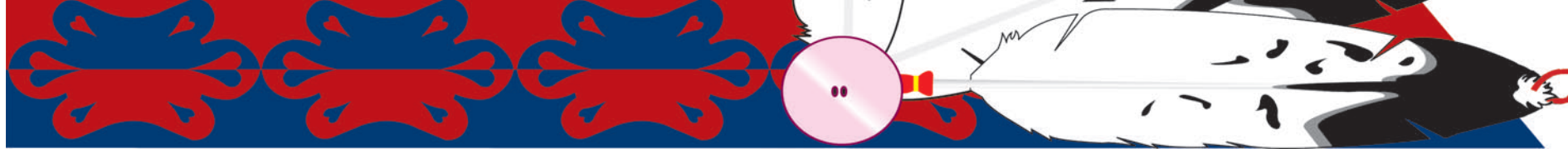


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14th annual gathering of warriors powwow honor purple heart veterans

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Veterans and powwow participants came together, for the 14th Annual Gathering of Warriors Powwow despite the continuous rainfall, which fell throughout the day, on the evening of Friday, May 14 to commence the opening ceremony for the powwow honoring Purple Heart Veterans and all warriors.

Just as the warriors have provided protection for the Nation of the United States and the Nations they inhabit (whether it be Menominee, Lac du Flambeau, Oneida, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohicans or other neighboring tribes) the arena of the Woodland Bowl on the Menominee Reservation and County would provide a haven for the participants of the powwow during Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16, 2004.

Host drum, Wolf River Singers provided the opening drum song and the entire company of veterans participated in the opening dance.

Head Male Dancer was Ronnie Preston, Head Female Dancer was Marla Mahkimetas and Head Veteran Dancer was Lawrence "Sonny" Richmond (U.S. Army-Korea). Arena Director for the annual gathering of warriors powwow was Stan Latender



Above-Veterans lead the procession for the weekend powwow ceremonies.

(Inset) Kaylene Tucker was crowned Veterans of the Menominee Nation Princess, at the 14th Annual Gathering of Warriors Powwow honoring Purple Heart Veterans. First runner up was Tiffany Tousey.

(USMC-Viet Nam era).

There was a chill in the air the first evening of the powwow and at the close of the opening ceremony, veterans and friends took time to visit around a fire.

The Saturday powwow events coincided with *Armed Forces Day* and grand entry began at 1:00 p.m. The M.C.'s for the Gathering of Warriors Powwow were Dan King (US Army-Viet Nam) and Mark

Denning who provided insight into the customs and traditions of the powwow and also light entertainment.

The flags posted around the bowl had significance. Each post stood in recognition of a warrior.

Nine drums participated in the gathering of warriors powwow; Four Nations, Wind Eagle, Jr. Dead Grass, from Canada - the Chi-Geezis drum, Five Clan, Four

Thunder, Beaver Lodge, Wolf River (Host Drum) and Duck Creek crossing.

A new staff for fallen veterans, which is adorned with three eagle feathers and ribbons on the top and bottom of the staff, was introduced at this powwow. Four Nations drum presented a solemn flag song for fallen veterans.

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CMN Celebrates Commencement



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Guest commencement speaker, Earnest L. Stevens Jr., Chairman and National Spokesman for the National Indian Gaming Association in Washington D.C. addresses the College of Menominee graduating class of 2004. Board of Directors and faculty listen as Mr. Stevens shared the importance of defending tribal sovereignty and the impact of Indian gaming across the nation. "Indian gaming provides 500,000 jobs nationwide." To the graduating class of 2004 he wished, "Be free, powerful, strong an God bless you all."

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